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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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TAGS: EGEN, JA, PR

SUBJECT: MARCOS STATE VISIT -- JAPAN/RP ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP

REF: TOKYO 6501

1. AMBASSADOR PABLO SUAREZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, IN DFA WHO ACCOMPANIED THE MARCOS PARTY ON THE STATE VISIT TO JAPAN, STATED THAT THE GOJ STOUTLY RESISTED THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC REQUESTS AND SUCCEEDED IN WATERING DOWN THE COMMUNIQUE INTO "A VERY BLAND DOCUMENT." THE DRAFTING SESSIONS WERE PROLONGED AND DIFFICULT, AND THE FIRST SESSION ON MONDAY DID NOT END UNTIL 3 A.M. IN THE MORNING.

2. SUAREZ ATTRIBUTED THE JAPANESE RESISTANCE TO THE GOJ
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EXTREME SENSITIVITY TO THE VARIOUS JAPANESE PRESSURE GROUPS AND ITS TENDENCY NOT TO EXPERIMENT OR TAKE THE INITIATIVE. HE CITED FOR EXAMPLE THE 10 CENT TARIFF ON COCONUT OIL WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO PROTECT ONE SINGLE JAPANESE COPRA CRUSHER. THE PHILIPPINE PARTY, SUAREZ, ADDED, HAD THE FEELING THAT THE FUKUDA GOVERNMENT WAS UNSURE OF ITSELF AND ITS DIET SUPPORT, AND THIS WAS

COMMUNICTED IN ITS GINGERNESS IN APPROACHING THE ECONOMIC ISSUES.

3. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION SUAREZ CONFIRMED THE ESSENTIALS OF WHAT WAS REPORTED IN TOKYO 6501. THE GOP GOT NOTHING IN THE TRADE AREA, BUT INTERESTINGLY THE GOJ DID COMMIT ITSELF TO AN EXPANSION OF ITS ODA. THIS WAS A SURPRISING REVERSAL OF THE REFRAIN OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THAT IS, "AID, NOT TRADE". INSTEAD OF "TRADE, NOT AID," WHICH AGAIN RELECTS THE GOJ'S INFLEXIBLE ATTACHMENT TO THE INTERESTS OF PARTICULAR ECONOMIC GROUPS. SUAREZ THOUGHT THIS WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC ASPECT OF THE VISIT, BUT DID POINT OUT HIS BELIEF THAT THE GOJ WOULD SOONER OR LATER RELAX ITS HARD STAND AGAINST THE COMMON FUND AND THE CONCEPT OF PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS.

4. ASKED WHETHER THE VIST WAS WORHTWHILE, SUAREZ THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE PRESIDENT GOT TO KNOW FUKUDA PERSONALLY AND THE JAPANESE WERE EXPOSED TO THE PROBLEMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE PHILIPPINES. HOWEVER, IT DID NOT APPEAR THAT HE HAD GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO THIS QUESTION. ON THE ECONOMIC ISSUES, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT SUAREZ, A FORMER CENTRAL BANKER AND LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE PHIL EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WAS NOT ENAMORED OF THE NIEO-TYPE OF LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNIQUE. ON THE WHOLE, HE TOOK A SOMEWHAT CONFIDENTIAL

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DETACHED AND CALM ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OUTCOME OF THE COMMUNIQUE WITH WHICH HE HAD HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE.
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